

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 and 20-21 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9-19 are cancelled, claims 2 & 4-8 are amended, and new claims 20-21 are added with this response.

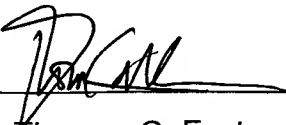
Claims 1-19 are subject to a restriction requirement. In particular, Group I (claims 1-8) is allegedly drawn to a rotation device, Group II (claims 9-10) is allegedly drawn to a method of transferring a worn article, Group III (claim 11) is allegedly drawn to a method of folding a web, Group IV (claim 12) is allegedly drawn to a disposable absorbent article, and Group V (claims 13-19) is allegedly drawn to a method of making a disposable absorbent article. During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 25, 2003, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I. Applicants hereby affirm election of Group I without traverse.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 3 and 8. Claims 1 and 9-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4, 5, and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims. As suggested in the Office Action, claims 2 and 4 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of independent claim 1, and claims 5 and 7 depend on currently amended independent claims 4 and 3, respectively. Rejected claim 6 has also been amended to depend upon allowable claim 2, and is now believed to be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, ZUIP102US.

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